

Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office of the Governor

Whereas, South Dakota was founded with hard work, perseverance, dedication to duty, and concern for others, and each of these attributes can be applied to Joe Lowe; and,

Whereas, Joe retired on January 23, 2012, with over 36 years of service as a firefighter; and,

Whereas, Joe was the first fire chief of the Division of Wildland Fire Suppression, which was created on July 1, 2001; and,

Whereas, Joe was the driving force in establishment of the Great Plains Interstate Fire Compact, which allows for the exchange of fire resources between states; and,

Whereas, Joe led and guided development of the State Handcrew Program in 2001; it has since continued to excel as a national fire asset. The crews have been to fires in nine states and were called into action during the Space Shuttle recovery and Hurricane Rita; and,

Whereas, Joe instituted a comprehensive State Aerial Firefighting Program that allowed for swift deployment of Air Tankers to fires; and,

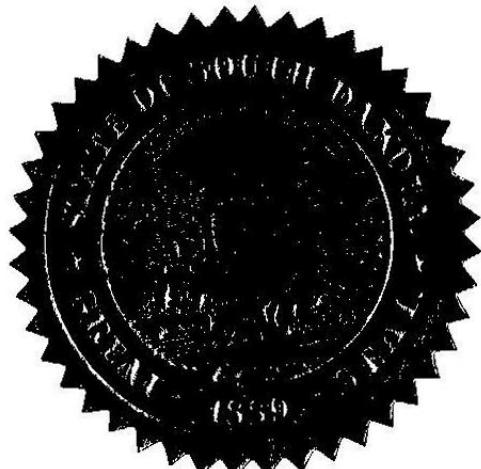
Whereas, Joe established the Rocky Mountain Type II Incident Management Team C and was the team's first Incident Commander; and,

Whereas, It is fitting and proper as Governor to honor Joe on this momentous occasion and thank him for his outstanding service to the citizens of South Dakota:

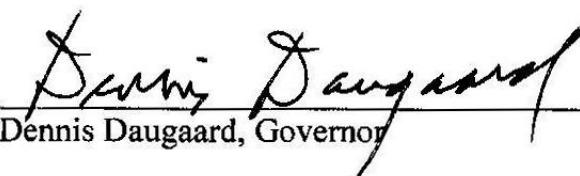
Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 17, 2012 as

JOE LOWE DAY

in South Dakota and I join his family, colleagues, and friends as they recognize Joe for his commitment to a successful career and extend best wishes for a healthy and happy retirement.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.



Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:



Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State